

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7:00 PM, Goshen City Hall, 202 S. Fifth St.

CRC members Present: Bryce Gast, Ed Ahlersmeyer, Anne H. Berry, Kelly Huffman, Sreekala Rajagopalan, Nathan Mateer Rempel, George Smucker, Sandra McMasters

Guests Present: Darin Short, Richard Aguirre

1. **Nate:** Called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
 - a. There were no Visitors present.
 - b. The agenda was reviewed, and no changes were recommended.
 - c. Opening reflection by Anne, who requested members consider a time when their voices were not heard, or were not represented, and share that experience. Each member then shared their life experiences. Anne continued by discussing the history caricatures of blacks in advertising and how blacks are represented in marketing. One observation of Anne's reflection is that imagery can impact in both positive and negative ways.
 - d. Kelly Huffman will reflect in July.
2. **Minutes** from May 12th were reviewed: There was discussion on the Facebook page not being public, and noted that the CRC may want to look over the opportunity.
 - a. **George** moved to postpone minutes until next meeting to consider Mr. Aguirre's proposed section 8 changes, also allowing Ed to prepare his changes for approval. (George/Kelly/Carried)
3. **Bryce** gave the mid-year budget report, and projected 2015 remaining costs. Darin indicated that the CRC would have roughly \$1,100 not spent from original Vision Project.
4. **Reports and Statistics:** Phone system is still down, voice mail is inaccessible. CRC received an email about derogatory statements written on local sidewalks w/ spray paint between Indiana and Shanklin, Mullet Park. A local took the initiative to paint over the comments.
5. **Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies Conference:** Nate opened discussion on the state consortium, and the financial offer to help CRC Commissioners get there. Darin asked Commissioners for feedback on what they recall leading to the passing of the Sundown Resolution, and its process. Commission discussed the opportunity to review direction of CRC, and will be on the next agenda.
6. **Vision 2025 update:** Darin indicated that audio recordings have been transcribed, surveys have been collected. David Lynd will be given information to oversee analysis of transcripts and surveys. Steering committee will meet next Thursday the 18th of June. Once data is available for review, Darin would like to organize a few community dialogues for input. Once vision is presented by steering committee, the CRC would hold event announcing said vision to public.
7. **Review of Ordinance 4339 that establishes the CRC:** Nate opened discussion on Ordinance 4339, recalling a Council rep asking who the enforcing body would be. Commissioners recognized a Director could be appointed by the Mayor to the CRC, and paid for by the Council. Also recognized that the CRC has the authority to mediate discrimination charges, but w/ out proper training, wouldn't have the means to provide a fair process. Richard expressed his concern for the Ordinance, and indicated that many towns/cities in Indiana already have these changes.
8. **For the good of the CRC:** Sandra discussed her evening w/ Latino ambassadors and the value of participation in neighborhood associations. Nate mentioned the potential for the "tour de Goshen" bike ride, conducted recently, to connect the community and show off the city.
9. "The hand that Feeds" will be presented at the public library w/ discussion following, this Sat. afternoon.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm
11. **Ed Ahlersmeyer, Recorder**

